

**Arizona Interagency Coordinating Group**  
**April 4, 2012**  
**Conference Call Notes**

**UPCOMING AICG DATES**

September or October	AICG	Meeting in Phoenix, AZ

Attendance			
	BLM Arizona		BIA Navajo – Dale Glenmore
	FS Arizona – Judy Palmer	X	BIA Western – Keith Burnette
X	FS Southwest – Pam Bostwick		AZ State Forestry
X	NPS Intermountain – Jeff Hickerson		NPS – Firewise
X	FWS Southwest – Rod Lopez	X	BIA Western (G&A) - Carletta
X	SWCG Liaison – Leon Ben, BIA		

**Review/Approval of February 24 Conference Call Notes**

- Change title next to Leon's name to SWCG Liaison

**FY 2012 AOP**

- Carletta provided an update of fund expenditures. The BLM funds have been expended and the BIA funds are now in use. Rod Lopez is the point of contact for the FWS and Jeff Hickerson is the point of contact for the NPS. Both will follow up with their agencies on the transfer of funds.
- Contact List – updated contacts were provided for this list associated with the AOP.

**FY 2013 AOP**

- Time to begin work on the FY 2013 AOP.
- Keith will work up a new AOP with Ron and Doreen and share with the group prior to the next meeting (by May 31<sup>st</sup>).
- Ron Sherron will share the timeline that addresses development of the AOP.

**ADEQ Update – Ron Sherron**

- Annual ADEQ Smoke meeting on April 5 at 0900 and from 0800-0900 there will be training on the smoke rule (review).
- There will be a virtual option this year with a Live Meeting/conference line.
- There were many errors and missing information in the calendar year 2011 data submittals. These have been broken down by agency and the information will be passed along to fire staffs. All agencies had errors and/or missing information.
- Ron will create a general cover letter/memo on this subject for all agencies and more specific information for each agency will be provided individually.
- Ron indicated that some agencies don't burn much and might not find out about inadequate reporting until the next year.

**Interagency Smoke Message – P&I Group – Pam Bostwick**

- The Prevention and Information Group will help to develop and disseminate interagency information/messages about general wildfire and prescribed fire smoke concerns and those specific to Arizona.

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- Send Arizona smoke concerns/talking points to the AICG Chair by April 20 to ensure specific information can be incorporated into the messaging strategy.

#### **Interagency Prescribed Fire Implementation Guide**

- Expect to see a draft of this document soon. It has been in revision status for the last couple of years.
- The complexity rating guide is not in revision at this time. The committee working on this document will recommend that a separate group work on a revision of that guide.

#### **IFT-DSS – Feedback**

- Agencies are encouraged to explore this website and the tools that it offers. It has been in development incorporating feedback from certain specialists from each agency. Now the developers are seeking a broader group to provide additional feedback and take the website to the next level.
- <http://iftdds.sonomatech.com/>

#### **Southwest Fire Science Consortium**

- Research Proposals
- Request for Burn Plans
- RX-410 – SWA Training Needs Assessment showed 99 people who need this course. Pam will develop and share a proposal to either incorporate this course into an upcoming workshop or to obtain SWFSC support to deliver virtually in satellite locations similar to the fuel modeling modules that were offered at the beginning of this year.

#### **AZ Prescribed Fire Council**

There has been interest in placing an Arizona Prescribed Fire Council under the AICG. This is not the appropriate group under which to house a Prescribed Fire Council.

- State Prescribed Fire Councils are chartered under the Coalition of Fire Councils, a national group.
- Linking Prescribed Fire Councils together under the Coalition of Fire Councils provides a national voice.
- Prescribed Fire Councils are inclusive groups (NGOs, researchers, universities, local organizations, private landowners) whereas the AICG is an exclusive group (federal agencies).
- Successful Prescribed Fire Councils CANNOT be agency driven, per the Chair of the Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils.

#### **Next Meeting in Phoenix**

- Doodle Poll to be sent out soon

<b>Agency Reports</b>	
US Forest Service	There has been increasing emphasis and participation in the Veterans Green Corps. There has been positive feedback from forests on this program.
BLM AZ	N/A
Nat Park Service	John Thornberg is the new FMO at Saguaro NP. There are several key fire management vacancies at Grand Canyon NP.
Fish/Wildlife Svc	Rob Martin is the new AFMO for FWS Arizona. There are Rx burns planned for May and June.
BIA - Western	There are Fuels Specialist vacancies at Ft. Apache, Truxton Canon and Uintah & Ouray.
BIA – Navajo	N/A
AZ State	N/A
SWCG Liaison	The next SWCG meeting will be April 17-18 in Santa Fe.

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<b>AICG Action Items</b>			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action needed</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>SWFSC</b>	Identify needs that could be met by SWFSC (webinars, training, workshops and research).	All	Ongoing
	Develop and submit proposals	All	Ongoing
	Develop Rx-410 proposal to share with group	Pam	May 31
<b>Firewise Subcommittee</b>	Propose move of Firewise Subcommittee to Prevention and Information Committee at next SWCG Meeting	David Geyer/ Leon Ben	April 17-18
<b>AOP</b>	Prepare FY 2013 AOP and disseminate to group	Keith Burnette/Doreen Hickman	May 31
	Follow up on transfer of funds for FY 2012 AOP	Rod Lopez/Jeff Hickerson	ASAP/Urgent
	Ensure agency contacts and associated information on Appendix A of the MOU are correct	All	April 20
<b>Interagency Smoke Message</b>	Provide feedback to AICG Chair on Arizona specific talking points to include in smoke messaging	All	April 20
<b>ADEQ Forms</b>	Prepare cover letter and agency-specific deficiencies in reporting for dissemination to fire staffs	Ron Sherron/Doreen Hickman	ASAP